



**RTA Legislation:
HB 5731, HB 5732 and HB 5733**

**SEMCOG
COMMENTS**

RTA Consistent with SEMCOG Plan

- SEMCOG recently adopted DIRECTION2035 which supports the development of RTA
- Key to continuing and expanding transit in Southeast Michigan

RTA Legislation Must Address

- Single voice for transit
- Opt In/Out Issue
- Voting Structure
- Funding

A Single Voice on Transit in Southeast Michigan

- Speaks on behalf of transit in SEM
- Develops/coordinates transit plans
- Implements plans/sets priority
- Establishes relationship with state and feds for funding
- Operates projects like commuter rail

Opt In/Opt Out

- Transit needs to be efficient and as inexpensive as possible
- There are transit needs throughout the region
- Many communities will be in only if everyone is in
- Entire region should be in or let's not do this

Voting Structure

- **Current RTCC requires all vote yes**
 - Stops anything from happening
 - Allows minority decisions to be made
 - Makes it difficult to address difficult issues
- **Structure should**
 - Encourage collaboration
 - Possible supermajority for some issues

Funding

- **Plans are nice – but if no additional funding is coming – we are wasting our time**
- **Need long-term source of capital, operating, and administrative dollars**
- **Raise local funding**

**SEMCOG believes RTA legislation
is vital to our region.**

**We stand ready to assist the
Legislature in any way possible as
these bills move through the
legislative process.**



